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Francisco.

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Giles & Co., Foochow, THOMPSON &  
Co., Shanghai, H. FOO & CO., Ma-  
nila, O. KARLSEN & CO.

## OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS.

It is hereby notified that, until further  
orders, the *China Mail* and *Overland China  
Mail* will be the official mediums of all  
Notifications proceeding from Her Britannic  
Majesty's Consulates at Canton.

British Consulate, Canton, April 16, 1868.  
D. B. ROBERTSON, Consul.

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Notifications proceeding from Her Britannic  
Majesty's Consulate at Amoy.

British Consulate, Amoy, April 22, 1868.  
R. SWINHOE, Consul.

## ARRIVALS.

April 8, *Vision*, from Whampoa.  
April 8, *Mona*, British steamer, 542,  
Morrison, Singapore, March 31, General  
Giles, LIVINGSTON & CO.

April 8, *Young Greek*, Brit. barque, 424,  
Bainroth, Saigon, March 24, Rice.—YUEN  
FAT HONG.

April 8, *Resolute*, Siamese ship, 860,  
Enzaze, Saigon, March 17, 15,000 piculs  
Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

## Departures.

April 9, *Mathilda*, for New York.  
9, *Wilhem*, for Bangkok.  
9, *Albert Lawrence*, for Manila.  
9, *Albert Victor*, for Saigon.

## Passenger.

Arrived.—Per *Mona*, Mr. Buyers, and  
55 Chinese.

## Shipping Reports.

The Siamese ship *Resolute*, from Saigon,  
reports fine weather and steady N.E. mon-  
soon for 4 days, then bad southerly wind  
until last 3 days when had wind from  
E.N.E. and thick weather until arrival in  
port.

The British barque *Young Greek*, from  
Saigon, reports strong monsoon when leav-  
ing, then fine weather and light variable  
winds, until two days before arrival, when  
had dirty weather and heavy squalls from  
the N.E. and E.N.E.

## Under Despatch.

For Shanghai.—Per *Agamemnon*, on  
Friday next, the 10th instant, at 10 A.M.

For further Arrivals, New Adver-  
tisements, &c., &c., see 4th page.

## New Advertisements.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.  
The British barque  
"DAYSpring,"  
932 Tons Register, Captain  
MIDDLETON, will have early  
despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & CO.  
Hongkong, April 9, 1868.

## NOTICE.

GUARDIAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in  
future for Short Period Insurances,  
viz.—

Not exceeding 1 month,  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent.  
Above 1 month and  
not exceeding 3,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 3 months and  
not exceeding 6,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

ALFRED WILKINSON & CO.,  
Agents, *Guardian Assurance Co.*

Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following  
Rates will be charged for Short Period  
Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding 1 month,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the annual rate.

Above 1 month and  
not exceeding 3,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 3 months and  
not exceeding 6,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents, *Imperial Fire Insurance Company.*

Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## NOTICE.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPO-  
RATION.

THE following rates will in future be  
charged for Short Period Insurances:

One month,  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent.

Three months,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Six months,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following  
rates will be charged for Short Period  
Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding one month,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Annual Rate.

Above 1 month and  
not exceeding three months,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 3 months and  
not exceeding six months,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
Agents, *Alliance Fire Assurance Company.*

Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following  
rates will be charged for Short Period  
Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding one month,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Annual Rate.

Above 1 month and  
not exceeding three months,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 3 months and  
not exceeding six months,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers,

*Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.*

Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## SUN FIRE OFFICE

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following  
rates will be charged on short period  
Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding one month,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Annual Rate.

Above 1 month and  
not exceeding three months,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 3 months and  
not exceeding six months,  $\frac{1}{4}$  do.

Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

ADAM SCOTT & CO.,  
Agents, *Sun Fire Office.*

Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in  
future for short period Insurances, at  
their Rooms, on

MONDAY,

13th April, 1868, at 11 o'clock A.M.

A quantity of useful Household FURNI-  
TURE, comprising: Iron Bedsteads,

Wardrobes, Chests, Drawers, Handsome

Dinner and Dessert Services. A complete

Set of Elkington's Electro-plated

Ware in Oak case, Superior Cutlery,

Glassware, Marble-top Tables, etc., etc.

A very Select Library.

A large collection of choice and rare

Plants and Flowers, including very many

beautiful specimens of Variegated and

other Geraniums, Camellia, Japonica,

Pink, Rose, etc., etc., handsome Porce-

lain Flower Stands and Pots, etc., etc.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All lots with all faults and errors of de-

scription whatsoever to be at purchaser's

risk upon fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 6, 1868. 11a.m.

## BOWRA &amp; CO.

have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on

TUESDAY,

15th instant, at Noon.

The whole of that gentleman's House-  
hold Furniture, comprising—

Mirrors, Pictures, Morocco Covered

Chairs and Couches, Carved What-not,

Tables, Sideboard, Lamps, Glass and

Crockery Ware, Carpets, Book Cases

and Books, Desk, Wash Stand, Toilet

Glasses, Wardrobes, Iron Bedsteads,

Silver-Plated Ware, etc., etc.

The property of a Gentleman leaving

the Colony.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All lots with all faults and errors of de-

scription whatsoever to be at purchaser's

risk upon fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 7, 1868. 11a.m.

## WEDNESDAY,

15th instant, at Noon.

The whole of that gentleman's House-  
hold Furniture, comprising—

Mirrors, Pictures, Morocco Covered

Chairs and Couches, Carved What-not,

Tables, Sideboard, Lamps, Glass and

Crockery Ware, Carpets, Book Cases

and Books, Desk, Wash Stand, Toilet

Glasses, Wardrobes, Iron Bedsteads,

Silver-Plated Ware, etc., etc.

And a few cases of Choice SHERRY.

Catalogues will shortly be issued; and

the goods will be on view on the 14th

instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All lots with all faults and errors of de-

scription at purchaser's risk on the fall

of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 7, 1868. 11a.m.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. have

received instructions to sell by

Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 16th day of April, 1868, at the

## Insurances.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Office, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on the usual Terms and Conditions. Risks will also be accepted at the following Ports:—  
Canton, by Messrs. DEACON & CO.  
Macao, " E. L. LANG, Esq.  
Amoy, " MESSRS. BOYD & CO.  
Fuhchau, " MESSRS. KINNEAR & CO.  
Full particulars of Rates, &c., may be obtained on application to,  
ADAM SCOTT & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

## (FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.  
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matchless, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information apply to,  
ARNOLD KARBERG & CO.  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Macao for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at current Rates.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$600,000.  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at Current Rates.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, August 4, 1866.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)  
£2 per cent per annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Profit participating Policies of Two Years standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assured.

An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without referring to Head-quarters.

By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.

Fees to Medical Referees paid by the Company.

No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.

Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.

Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2 10s. per cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent resident in Europe.

GILMAN & CO., Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

SHORT PERIOD RATES.

NOT exceeding one  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the annual rate. Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  months.

Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  months.

Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months.

GILMAN & CO., Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, August 8, 1866.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS, £2,233,927.

ANNUAL REVENUE £407,263.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, or on the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & CO., Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1838.

CAPITAL, £600,000.

Managing Agents in China, — MESSRS.

AGUSTINE HEARD & CO., Hongkong, Medical Referee, — J. IVOR MURRAY, Esq., M.D.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to,  
AGUSTINE HEARD & CO., Managing Agents in China.  
Hongkong, June 1867.

OCean MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LONDON.

INCORPORATED 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies on the usual terms.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to,  
AGUSTINE HEARD & CO., Managing Agents in China.  
Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, —TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, either at this Port or at Macao, Canton or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

## REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to Reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and Effects, therein contained.

In cases of DWELLING-HOUSES removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per cent. in place of One per cent. for Amount as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, as situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per cent.

The Royal's Annual Rates for FIRE INSURANCE on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz.:—

Dwelling-House (removed from the Town) and their Contents,  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses (similarly situated) and their Contents,  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent.

First Class China House and their Contents,  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent.

Other Risks as per special arrangement.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, November 9, 1866.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say £7,50 per paid-up Share, £125, and £1.50 per Share on which £25 have been paid, is payable on and after MONDAY, the 17th inst., at the Offices of the Corporation, Wardley House, Queen's Road, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Court of Directors,  
VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 14, 1868.

## Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING.

THE DIRECTORS have the pleasure to announce the appointment of MESSRS. HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents for the Company at Hongkong, Shanghae, Canton, Hankow, and Fuhchau, who are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates and of whom all useful information may be obtained on application to,

ADAM SCOTT & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1868.

By Order of the Board,  
JAS. B. NORTHCOCK, Secretary.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz.:—

On any one first-class Building or on Goods stored therein — in Hongkong, £60,000; in Macao £45,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool, Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz.:—

On any one first-class Building or on Goods stored therein — in Hongkong, £60,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool, Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

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On any one first-class Building or on Goods stored therein — in Hongkong, £60,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool, Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

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On any one first-class Building or on Goods stored therein — in Hongkong, £60,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool, Hongkong, April 1, 1868.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz.:—

On any one first-class Building or on Goods stored therein — in Hongkong, £60,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool, Hongkong, April 15, 1868.

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THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz.:—

On any one first-class Building or on Goods stored therein — in Hongkong, £60,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool, Hongkong, April 24, 1868.

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz.:—

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ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool, Hongkong, April 24, 1868.

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ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool, Hongkong, April 24, 1868.

## NOTICE.

## Post-Office Notifications.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE:

For SHANGHAI.—  
Per "AGAMEMNON," on Friday next,  
the 10th instant, at 9 a.m.

It is hereby notified for general information that under the provisions of the new Postal Convention which has been concluded with the United States Post Office, the rates of postage chargeable upon Correspondence from Hongkong forwarded through the United Kingdom to the United States of America will henceforth be as follows, viz.—

FOR A LETTER	
<i>Via Southampton.</i>	34 cents.
Above $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce,	12 cents.
Above $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce and not exceeding 1 ounce,	24 "
Above 1 ounce and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce,	36 "
Above $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces,	48 "
For every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	12 "
Above 1 ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces,	\$1.36 "
For every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	34 "

*Via Marseilles.*

Under $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce,	
42 cents.	
Above $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce and not exceeding 1 ounce,	84 "
Above 1 ounce and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce,	126 "
Above $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces,	168 "

For every additional  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

*Via Stanley.*

Under 4 ounces,	
14 cents.	
Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces,	28 "
Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces,	42 "
Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces,	56 "
For every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	14 "

*Via Marseilles.*

Under 4 ounces,	
18 cents.	
Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces,	30 "
Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces,	54 "
Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces,	72 "
For every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	18 "

For every additional  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.

*Via Southampton.*

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14 cents.	
Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces,	28 "
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## Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH SHIP "FALCON," FROM LONDON.  
CONSIGNEES by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that all cargo impeding the Vessel's discharge will be landed and delivered at the Wharves of the respective Consignees, by Messrs. Hock, Sons & Co.

Goods not taken delivery of on the Wharves will be stored in the Godown of Messrs. Dent & Co., all ship's expense, but at Consignees' risk.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, April 3, 1868. 10ap

## For Sale.

THE New Patent Silicated Carbon FILTER, small enough to be carried in the Pocket. No traveller in the East should be without one.

To be had at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY, Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1868.

## MAURITIUS FEVER.

The *Kandy Herald* of March contains a somewhat sensational, but sufficiently alarming, article upon the danger to which Ceylon, and all places in mail communication with that island, are exposed on account of there being no precautions taken to guard against the spread of the Mauritius fever. We should probably have passed it over as of little interest to our own circle of readers had not the arrival in this port of a vessel reported to have had on board cases of Mauritius fever, directed our attention to the subject.

By the latest advices the fever is still raging in that colony to a frightful extent, the weekly deaths amounting to over one thousand. And yet despite this, a vessel which had touched at the fever, stricken port and had actually had cases on board, was boarded as usual upon arrival at this port and some twenty-four hours elapsed before our authorities thought that it was necessary to place her in quarantine. But far worse, even than this is the culpable carelessness which has been displayed at Galle. At that favored port the mail steamers are allowed to bring infected passengers direct into the harbor and there land them without let or hindrance! The *Kandy Herald* after referring to the fact that the Cape Colonies have been already infected with this dreadful scourge and that it (the *Herald*) had already warned the Civil service authorities of Ceylon, says:

"It would appear incredible that the example of the Cape should not have been in itself sufficient warning to have put the guardians of the public health here on the qui vive. But no, despite the spectacle of a sister colony desolated by a similar neglect of precautions, despite the warning voice raised in our own columns, the last Mauritius steamer of February steamed into Galle harbour laden with the plague—there were no quarantine regulations in force—with that supreme contempt for all the aids of human energy, and reason, which characterize only Mahomedans, proctior people, and government officials, things were left entirely to hazard, and—Mashallah—the sick sailors landed, the ship's lines was washed, and full communication was permitted with the shore. Three weeks later the terrible rumour reaches us that three-fourths of the troops at Galle are down with the imported fever, and that our medical officer is dangerously ill of the pestilence. What does this mean?" It means this. That because no precautions were taken to prevent the plague-ship communicating with the shore, a terribly fatal and rapidly communicable malady has been introduced into Ceylon, and will thence speed to Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, and Hongkong, all over our Indian Empire, perhaps committing—as such epidemics always do in new soils—terrible ravages at first, and finally becoming a permanent endemic pest, as the yellow fever has done in the West Indies!

The terrible warning conveyed in the above paragraph is of too much importance to every resident in this colony, to render any apology necessary for our quoting it in full. It may be said that this style of writing is "sensational claptrap," &c., &c. But with Galle actually infected; with a fever-attacked ship in this very harbour; with a native population so incredibly careless of health, and preventive measures against disease, as the Chinese, it becomes a duty to call public attention to the matter. Unhappily should the disease be actually imported amongst the native population it will be some time before Europeans hear anything of the matter. Native "doctors" whose skill is inferior to the most idiotic dolts of a village blacksmith in England, but whose lying pretensions to Esculapian skill are unhappily endorsed by foreign wise-aces in Hongkong, would be the first called in by infected natives; and when dirt, carelessness, and ignorance have done their best to fix the infection in this Colony, our own practitioners will discover and record "the unhappy appearance of a new epidemic." We write strongly, because stringent measures are necessary, even as regards the mail steamers yet to arrive from Galle. If Hongkong becomes the victim of Mauritius fever, we at least shall have warned the authorities in time. A "newspaper warning" was contemptuously disregarded in Ceylon—and the result is that Galle is infected. May this colony escape a similar fate.

## JAPAN.

Some important news from Japan subsequent to that already reported has reached us:—Sir Harry Parker left for Kioto about the 20th March, with his escort (a company of the 9th and some naval officers) to visit the Mikado. On the morning of his intended visit, while proceeding to the Mikado's residence, five men rushed at the procession and cut right and left wounding nine of the escort and two of the 9th. Two men are supposed to have inflicted most of the wounds. One of these was shot and the other wounded and taken prisoner, from whom Sir Harry learnt that if his party had not succeeded in stopping the procession another was in ambush farther on with the same object in view. The Minister returned to his quarters with his wounded men. He made another attempt a few days afterwards and had a long interview with the Mikado. H.M.S. *Malacca* left Hiogo on the forenoon of the 28th; the Minister and escort were to have embarked on board the *Adventure* the same day, at Osaka. The mails and dis-

patches brought down by the *Manila* from the Minister came to Hiogo by land, and she left immediately she received them so as to catch the mail leaving here on the 8th. The wounded men were said to be doing well; one was dangerously wounded. It is believed that the wounded Japanese prisoner was executed the morning the *Manila* left, and that the other three men connected with the affair have also been taken. They were probably a few fugitives hired by some prince hostile to foreigners. Everything appeared quiet at Hiogo upon the 16th March, when, at Nagasaki, a report of an expected attack on the foreign settlement was reported to the Consuls and Senior Naval Officers. In consequence small-arm men from H. M. Ships *Pearl* and *Manila* were landed under Captain Ross, and were reinforced by a party from the U.S.S. *Onward*. They remained on shore all night but (possibly owing to these precautions), the reported attack came to nothing.

## LOCAL.

The *Charmiscope*, and "what is it?" became apparent last night at the Lustane Theatre. It is a magic lantern of the most primitive description, and most unscientific at that, owing to a dim light, slovenly handling, and some unexplainable hitch in the placing of the lamp. This latter defect—the intrusive lamp which shone through everything like a beacon light—spoiled all the pictures except one, a midnight railway scene, in which the lamp temporarily assumed the shape of a green signal. The Hindoo basket trick was also made apparent to all present; and the "dim pearl of a vision" described as the phantom pantomime likewise disappeared, "leaving not a rack behind"; for that closed the performance. We are afraid that the proprietors of the *Charmiscope* have been somewhat premature in presenting their entertainment to the public before their arrangements were fully matured; and as we understand that another performance was fixed for Saturday, they may yet be enabled to recover some of the loss of esteem consequent upon the failure of last night, while as yet undeveloped Sphinx may turn up a good trump-card.

Those who went to see it were as appreciative as could have been expected under the circumstances. The *Chairman* replied that section 7 of the memoranda provided for this, it being the intention, as there expressed, to allow three shares in the new Company for each share in the old Company, that is, the old shares representing a paid up value of \$600, the three new would represent a paid up value of \$600, or \$200 each, which was the equal to former value plus the estimated profit. Whether there was any legal obligation on the old shareholders to take new shares he could not say.

Mr. Wm. H. Foxes said he wished to propose the following resolution:

"That the general managers and consulting committee are hereby authorized to adopt measures for the reconstruction of the company, as the 'Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Limited', on the basis proposed in the memorandum of the 2d April, presented to this meeting."

Mr. BOSMAN seconded the resolution.

Mr. DEACON remarked that from the tenor of this resolution, he supposed it was not binding upon the shareholders in the Old, to take shares in the New company.

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Mr. CALDWELL said there could be no legal obligation.

Mr. EZEKIEL made some observations with regard to the investment of the funds of the company, and suggested that note of them should be put on Mortgage, but all be invested in one or more of the local banks.

Mr. BOSMAN thought it was rather premature to discuss these matters at present, else there might be those voting on the constitution of the new society who would not take share in it. He thought after the committee had drawn up a deed, it would be time enough for these matters to be brought forward.

Mr. SCHUTZ inquired, with regard to section 7, whether in taking shares in the New Company the shareholders became responsible to the Old Company?

The *Chairman* remarked that it was proposed that the New Company should take over the assets and liabilities of the Old, and in accepting the allotment of three shares of a value in excess of the old share, the shareholder could not be relieved from the responsibility.

Mr. HELLAND said that he had heard there were a great many of the old shareholders who were not in favor of taking shares in the new. He therefore thought it better that the question should be put plainly to the meeting, as to whether it was in favor of winding up the old company or re-constituting the new one.

The *Chairman* thought the suggestion now before the meeting would fully meet this suggestion, and the vote upon it would be in reality amount to such a dissolution as Mr. HELLAND had proposed. If this resolution was not carried, it was thought that the shareholders were in favor of having the old company wound up. The resolution was then put, and carried by a vote of 19, four shareholders not voting.

Mr. HELLAND then proposed the following, which was seconded by Mr. KAYE:

"That the general managers and consulting committee are hereby requested to receive applications for shares in the 'Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Limited', and on receipt of such applications to the extent of one thousand shares, to call an extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company for the purpose of authorizing its dissolution, and the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the new Company."

Mr. BOSMAN proposed an amendment, to the effect that a time should be mentioned for applications to be received and for the calling of a meeting, but the amendment was subsequently withdrawn.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. O. H. BROWNS here rose and proposed a resolution expressive of the satisfaction the company had in seeing the colonial authorities attending to the removal of the wooden verandas so frequent in China houses, and substituting substantial ones of brick, and further suggesting to the authorities the desirability of further securing these houses from fire by not allowing firewood or other combustible material to be stored on the roofs. This resolution, on a suggestion from the *Chairman*, was withdrawn, and there being no other business the meeting separated.—*Press*.

THE *Glasgow Citizen* says:—We have it on good authority that a Roman Catholic hierarchy is about to be established in Scotland; that Bishop Lynch, at present residing at Chatain, is to be the Archbishop of Cambrai; and that Father Parkinson, an Oxford convert, is to be Bishop of Glasgow.

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